

## THE VATICAN AND GERMANY

## THE PLAN FOR GERMANIZING ALSACE-LORRAINE.

Suppression of the Catholic Seminaries for the sake of a Catholic Theological Faculty at Strasburg—Pope Leo XIII. Temporarily, but favors the Old Order.

ROME, May 14.—Baron von Hertling, Mr. Fritzen, Bishop of Strasburg, and Prof. Mueller and Dr. Schard, have just made the last attempt on the Pope in behalf of the Germanizing of the clergy of Alsace-Lorraine by establishing a faculty of Catholic theology at the University of Strasburg.

There is a long story about this German plan. It is an integral part of the new policy of the German Catholics and of the Kaiser's personal policy. Since Wilhelm II.'s first journey to Rome a great change has come about in the relations between the empire and the Catholics. In every direction the young sovereign was trying to form with the men of the Centre a work of national concentration with his future development and the reestablishment of the Empire of the West in view. To detach the Holy See from France in order to arrest the Rattachement, which Berlin has always fought against as being an attempt to unite French forces, to weaken the universal church the current of Christian democracy which he looks upon as a danger for Prussianism, to break up, to do away with the French Protectorate in missionary countries in order to bring into the service of German colonization the assistance of the missionaries and of the monks, to group around the German hegemony everything that renders obedience to the ecclesiastical power, such was his idea. It is well known with what perseverance and what vigor the Kaiser has tried to make a reality of this grand design.

Little by little, urged on the one side by Cardinal Kopp, Prince Bishop of Breslau, the Father Joseph of the sovereign, encouraged on the other hand by the German factions at Rome, who too, to play a part suited to their electoral and parliamentary power, the German Catholics have favored in every way the aims of Wilhelm II. They have introduced the cult of the Kaiser and of the Empire, and by sustaining the Westpolitik they have demanded, if they have not obtained, equality in the offices of the State. In that way, they have gradually become the most faithful co-operators and the most efficacious of the Prussian ideas of the Emperor. In order to win back the civil administrative and intellectual power in consequence of their political triumphs, they have made noble efforts for the rehabilitation of higher studies and the studies of science. Nothing can be more praiseworthy than these last efforts, but the eagerness of their chiefs has led the Catholics into ways that are anti-Roman and anti-French.

Baron von Hertling proposed that a Faculty of Catholic Theology should be established at the University of Strasburg, accompanied by the suppression of two great seminaries of Alsace-Lorraine. The messenger from time to time from the Kaiser to Rome the chief of the Imperialist Catholics has promised for the Holy See the most reassuring concessions: the appointment of professors by the Bishop, the foundation of chairs of Catholic history and Catholic philosophy; Roman degrees to be granted to the graduates of the faculty. The active diplomat, for the time being, put to sleep all uneasiness and all opposition. It is even said that he flattered before the Pope's eyes political gifts; for example, the establishment of a university at Berlin and of a German Embassy at the Vatican.

This dream was really ingenious. The Catholics in this way induced the sovereign to have introduced into a university of the State a theological faculty, stamping it with a markedly patriotic character. The idea of Germanization expressed and justified the advance. As regards Rome the procedure was no less dexterous. Under the pretext that the Pope had no right to refuse his consent since he had no right to reject a means of Germanizing the country, for otherwise Prussia might accuse the Holy See of interfering in an exclusively political matter, Baron von Hertling hoped to obtain assistance easier. The Kaiser and the Government were rubbing their hands, for on the day when the university controlled the clergy Prussia would control the people of Alsace.

Rome, as may be seen, found itself in a difficult position. Divisions, however, arose among the German Catholics. While the Imperialist Right and the lovers of pure intellectuality, praised the plan to the skies, the independent groups and the "Romans" expressed uneasiness. Two Bishops made pleas in behalf of the seminaries, and several theologians recalled the deplorable experience of Febronianism, of Güntherism and of Old Catholicism.

In opposition to the other newspapers the Reichstag kept repeating sharp warnings. At the Catholic congress at Bonn a Freiburg professor demanded that the measure should be made general. In a discussion that was printed in the Civita Cattolica some doubts underook the preference of the plan. But the clergy of Alsace-Lorraine rose up against this interference and those intrigues. With the exception of a few ambitious young professors all the priests protested against the violent and unjustifiable suppression of their ancient and glorious seminary. In what way had it lost its merit? What crime had it committed? If it were necessary to stiffen the curriculum, was it not possible to do so within the seminary itself? Did not the experience of the past point out what is likely to be the trouble of the future? In order to make the experiment succeed, the Government at the beginning would make every kind of concession, but would that frame of mind continue? Was not the Government the master whenever conflicts arose? Besides, the idea of Germanization carried to the extreme, it was necessary to take into consideration the state of mind of the people, which, not at all fond of culture, would look askance at the clergy trained in an institution that was exclusively Prussian.

As he wished to give full scope to the discussion, the Holy Father did not hasten to form a decision. For two years he allowed the opposing opinion to have free expression. But driven into a corner by the aggressive movements of Prussia, Leo XIII. has just put himself on the side of the Alsatian clergy, the only power competent to judge, and of the German Catholics who care more for religious doctrine and discipline than they do for the progress of Germanism. Leo XIII. favors science, but he is not fond of either adventures or danger.

The German factions at Rome announce that Leo XIII. will sign the Kaiser's plan. It is true that nothing is definitely settled. The question is still in dispute. At the Vatican they maintain reserve, they give the answer that Leo XIII. will be influenced exclusively by the Imperialist interests of the church.

Red Shirts to Buffalo. The Veteran Volunteer Firemen are going to the Buffalo Exposition to attend the State Firemen's Convention and take part in the parade on Friday, Aug. 23, and seventy-five of them have already applied for accommodations. They will leave the headquarters at 435 East Fifty-ninth street, at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of Aug. 21, and will start for Buffalo on the following Sunday. They will wear red shirts and trousers. The committee in charge of the excursion are John A. Ficker, president, James G. Brown, secretary, George A. Woodruff, treasurer, Richard C. Allen, chairman, Ed. Jones and Martin J. Jones.

South Carolinians to Visit Chickamauga. HATTAN, Ga., June 25.—Gov. McRae, of South Carolina, has just received word from a large party of South Carolinians, escorted by a regiment of South Carolina militia, will arrive here tomorrow for the dedication of the Chickamauga National Park on Monday.

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## BROKER MORGAN AGAIN ARRESTED.

Charged This Time With Grand Larceny of \$2,000 Entrusted to Him.

Charles W. Morgan, a broker at 71 Broad street, was arrested yesterday at his home, 630 West End avenue, and arraigned before Judge Warren W. Foster in the Criminal Court Building on an indictment charging grand larceny in the first degree.

Mrs. Florence Tobey of Middletown, Conn., is the complainant. She is the executrix of the Tobey estate and in November last she charged that she sent Morgan \$2,000 of the Tobey estate money to invest in the shares of American Steel and Wire and ten shares of Atchafalpa preferred.

Assistant District Attorney Cowan says Morgan bought the stock and then sold it to a Pittsburgh broker on his own account. Morgan is under \$500 bail imposed by Magistrate Zoller on a similar charge and \$500 bail in a criminal case. He is also the complainant against a Wall Street paper, which he accused of blackmailing him for the grand jury's indictment of Morgan. Morgan's brother, James Morgan, brother of the accused, went on the bond.

## Two Drowned in a Swollen Stream.

NORFOLK, Va., May 25.—Edward N. Wilson, a Norfolk business man, member of the Hume Minor Piano Company, and the fourteen-year-old son of J. H. Norman of Weldon, N. C., were drowned near Weldon about a o'clock last night. They were attempting to ford a swollen stream in a buggy and were swept away.

\$100,000 Gift to Dartmouth for the Webster Centennial Fund.

HANOVER, N. H., May 25.—President Tucker announced to the trustees of Dartmouth College at their session last evening that he was authorized by Edward Tuck of the class of '92 to state that provision had been made for the transfer at an early date of additional securities to the value of \$100,000 for the erection of a building for the uses of the Amos Tuck School of Administration and Finance. This gift of Mr. Tuck is distinct from his former gift of \$50,000 for purchase of instruction and is intended to be his contribution as an alumnus of Dartmouth toward the Webster Centennial Fund.

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